

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - **Form 'C'** Proposal for Survey, Investigation and Drilling of **16 boreholes** with 4" diameter in an area of **4.7868 sq.km.** in Tadicherla Block-II, falling in Tadicherla RF of Bhupalpally division, Jayashanker Bhupalpalli District, for prospecting and detail Coal exploration by M/s. SCCL – Final (Stage.II) approval - Accorded – Orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 4

Dated: 04-02-2021.  
Read the following:-

1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5- 2/2017-FC, dt.28-03-2019.
2. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.20081/2017/FCA-1/PS, Dt:25.11.2019.
3. G.O.Rt.No.39, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., dated: 16.04.2020.
4. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad Lr.No.20081/2018/FCA-4, Dt:02.11.2020 & 02.12.2020.

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ORDER:

In the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for **Form 'C'** Proposal for Survey, Investigation and Drilling of **16 boreholes** with 4" diameter in an area of **4.7868 sq.km.** in Tadicherla Block-II, falling in Tadicherla RF of Bhupalpally division, Jayashanker Bhupalpalli District, for prospecting and detail Coal exploration by M/s.SCCL.

2. In the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, Government have accorded approval **in-principle (Stage.I)** for the project as per the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated and requested to accord final approval for this project as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, New Delhi vide letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord **final (Stage.II)** approval to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad for **Form 'C'** Proposal for Survey, Investigation and Drilling of **16 boreholes** with 4" diameter in an area of **4.7868 sq.km.** in Tadicherla Block-II, falling in Tadicherla RF of Bhupalpally division, Jayashanker Bhupalpalli District, for prospecting and detail Coal exploration by M/s.SCCL, subject to the following conditions:-

- I. The User Agency shall be allowed exploratory drilling of a maximum of 16 borehole of 4" diameter over 4.7868 sq.km. of forest land.
- II. The prior approval of Govt. of India Under Section 2 of FC Act for prospecting in this forest area under consideration is only for resource assessment and mapping and does not confer in any manner any right to the State Government to divert such forest land under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for mining purpose in future in favour of this user agency or any other mining company on the plea that forest clearance for prospecting has been granted.

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- III. The State Forest Department shall plant 20 tall trees per Borehole area to maintain the green cover from the amount to be realized from the user agency, as per the scheme prepared by the forest department, in the planting site identified for this purpose preferably in the surrounding degraded forest area. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- IV. User agency shall seek permission of concerned District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer before entering into the forest area and boreholes shall be dug with prior permission of the concerned District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer and also furnish detailed report thereof on completion of the project.
- V. Proper plugging of borehole shall be made after exploration activities are complete to the satisfaction of the District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer.
- VI. No tree felling shall be undertaken for exploration activities. Project activities shall be restricted to clearing of bushes and loppling of tree branches if any for the purpose of site preparation.
- VII. The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora and fauna in the surrounding. Any damage done in this regard shall be compensated by the user agency from the project cost as per assessment of the concerned District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer.
- VIII. Any equipment's/ machinery used for drilling work shall be removed immediately after completion of work;
- IX. Work should be carried out during day time only i.e., from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm;
- X. The User Agency shall submit complete plan of operations for prospecting in the forest area to the concerned forest officers before start of work;
- XI. No, new road shall be constructed by the user agency for transporting prospecting tools and machines. The user agency may use the existing forest road/path with prior information to the concerned District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer. The area use for path during the prospecting work shall be restored to its original status of forest after completion of prospecting work.
- XII. No other construction activities shall be done by the user agency on forest land. Existing path and roads only will be used by the user agency for the purpose of prospecting activities and drilling of borehole will be limited to 16 no. with diameter of 4 within forest land will be dug.
- XIII. Any change in the diameter of borehole and number of bore holes will be reported to concerned state government/PCCF(HoFF).
- XIV. Adequate measures shall be taken by the user agency to ensure that prospecting activities do not harm the wildlife in the area. Any damage done in this context, shall be compensated by the user agency as per assessment, by the concerned District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer.
- XV. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and no work shall be allowed after sunset.

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- XVI. Initially the permission for prospecting will be granted for two years from the date of issue of this approval which can be extended for one more year with convincing justification from the user agency for extension.
- XVII. In case of violations of conditions by the user agency, the permission for prospecting of minerals shall be suspended by the concerned District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer. Further it shall be enquired by the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government and report to be submitted to the concerned Regional Office for appropriate action.
- XVIII. The samples collected during the prospecting shall be used purely for investigation purposes and shall in no case be used for trade or commerce purpose.
- XIX. To minimize disturbance to the wildlife, user agency shall take all possible measures to minimize noise during prospecting operations and halt the prospecting activities during night and during such periods in the day as may be advised by the concerned Chief Wildlife Warden, concerned State Forest Department.
- XX. The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the MoEF&CC Guidelines F.No.11-96/2009-FC dated 4<sup>th</sup> July,2014 issued by the Ministry regarding drilling in the forest land.
- XXI. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29.01.2018.
- XXII. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- XXIII. Any other conditions that the state government/PCCF(HoFF) may impose from time to time shall be complied by the user agency.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
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**Copy to:**

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